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SUBJECT: AIR POLLUTION STANDARDS

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1. FINLAND HAS NO SPECIFIC INDUSTRIAL AIR POLLUTION
LEGISLATION.

2. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR PREPARING LEGISLATION FOR
"HOPEFUL" PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENT IN FALL 1975.
MINISTRY DECLINED TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON GROUNDS IT "TOO
EARLY" BUT INDICATED FINAL PRODUCT WOULD BE STRONGLY
INFLUENCED BY SWEDISH LAW AND PRACTICE.

3. CURRENT "SYSTEM," APPLICABLE AT CONSTRUCTION STAGE,
CONSISTS OF AD HOC REVIEW BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
AND LOCAL HEALTH AND/OR PLANNING BOARDS UNDER LEGAL
AUTHORITY OF CONSTRUCTION CODE (MINISTRY ISSUE PERMITS)
AND HEALTH LAWS. LOCAL HEALTH BOARDS TEND TO BE MORE
INTERESTED IN INTERIOR WORKING CONDITIONS. MONITORING
PLANTS IN OPERATION IS DONE, IF AT ALL, BY THE LOCAL
HEALTH BOARDS.

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4. PERMIT APPLICATION TO MINISTRY MUST INCLUDE INFOR-

MATION ON PROCESS TO BE USED, POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNIQUES TO BE USED, AND ANTICIPATED LEVELS OF EMISSIONS AND OTHER POLLUTION. METEOROLOGICAL BOARD EVALUATES IMPACT OF PROPOSED PLANT UPON REGION USING, AS A REFERENCE POINT, SWEDISH AIR QUALITY STANDARDS. BOARD HAMPERED BY LACK OF RESOURCES AND MUST TAKE COMPANY'S ESTIMATES AND PROCESS DESCRIPTIONS AT FACE VALUE. BOARD CONSIDERS FOLLOWING AS LIMITS: PARTICULATES: 250 MILLIGRAMS PER CUBIC METER; HYDROGENSULFIDE: 10 MILLIGRAMS PER CUBIC METER; SULFURDIOXIDE: 10 KILOGRAMS PER TON OF PRODUCTION. FOR METHYLMERCAPTAN AND METHYLSULFIDES THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC LIMITS ALTHOUGH EMISSIONS OF THESE ARE INCLUDED IN OVERALL EVALUATION. IF BOARD'S REPORT NEGATIVE, MINISTRY CAN WITHHOLD PERMIT UNTIL BETTER CONTROL EQUIPMENT USED. INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN INDICATED IT USES "BEST AVAILABLE" POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNOLOGY, PARTLY IN ANTICIPATION OF NEW LAW, BUT THAT EACH COMPANY CHOOSES ITS OWN EQUIPMENT AND NO "INDUSTRY STANDARD" EXISTS.
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